

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dougherty, board members take oath at education service district

Doug Dougherty, who served as the superintendent for the Seaside School District from 1998 to 2016, was sworn in as a new board member for the Northwest



Doug Dougherty

Regional Education Service District at a recent special meeting. Dougherty represents Zone 2, covering Astoria, Banks, Forest Grove, Jewell, Knappa, Neah-Kah-Nie, Nestucca Valley, Seaside, Tillamook and Warrenton-Hammond. He has been an educator his entire professional career.

Dougherty has been involved with Northwest Regional Education Service District since it was formed. Past leadership positions include president of the Oregon Association of School Executives, adviser to the Oregon State Board of Education; state commissioner representing Oregon's K-12 schools, colleges and universities on the Oregon Earthquake Commission; board service for the Confederation of School Administrators; president of the Seaside Rotary Club, University of Oregon College of Educa-

tion Alumni Association and Seaside Providence Hospital Board of Directors.

Dougherty's term ends June 30, 2023.

Dougherty was sworn into the board with four other members, including Diane Wilkinson (social services position) and Maureen Wolf (at-large position). Tony Erickson (zone 4) and Ross Tomlin (higher education position) were sworn in for second terms.

The education group is governed by a nine-member board. Five zoned members are elected by school boards from the represented zone. Four members are appointed by the zoned members. Appointed member positions include representation from the social services, higher education and business organizations within the education group's boundaries. There is also an at-large position.

Board members are volunteers and work closely with the superintendent to oversee policies and ensure the 20 component school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties receive quality services.

Seaside American Legion holds fundraiser for Whisler's family

The Seaside American Legion hosts a special

"Angus Burger Basket" fundraiser event for police officer Thomas Whisler's family on Aug. 21.



Samuel Whisler

Astoria police officer Sam Whisler, 26, passed away on July 9 of natural causes in his home in Warrenton. The public is invited from 4 p.m. until burgers are gone. Minimum donations \$10.

Donations may be mailed directly to the Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway St.

Seaside Break the Chain 5K

The fourth annual Seaside Run to Break the Chain 5K will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 9 a.m. The family-friendly race will begin on the beach at 12th Avenue and participants will run the length of the beach to Avenue U and back to complete the 5K.

The goal of the Seaside Run to Break the Chain 5K is to raise awareness and benefit the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District and Operation Underground Railroad, an organization which exists to rescue children from sex trafficking. Proceeds will go toward local, healthy activities for children and families, as well as the rescue and recovery of children caught

in the nightmare of sex slavery. Businesses interested in sponsoring or volunteering can contact Melissa Ousley, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District marketing and special events manager, at 503-738-3311, ext. 102.

Registration is \$30 and includes a T-shirt. To find out more about this event and register to participate, please visit <https://www.sunsetempire.com/break-the-chains-run>.

Griffin takes role at Northwest Regional Education Service District

Lynne Griffin will oversee Northwest Regional Education Service District's programs and services as the new administrator for the Clatsop Service Center.

Griffin has more than two decades of experience in education, including a decade as a speech-language pathologist, seven years as an administrator and three years as a teacher on special assignment.

In this role, Griffin will oversee the education group's early intervention and early childhood special education programs in Clatsop County. She will convene school districts and facilitate collaborative initiatives, such as aligning COVID-19 operations plans to local guidance from public health authorities. Griffin will also oversee

a youth transition program that prepares students with disabilities for college and career opportunities.

The agency recently relocated to Seaside from Astoria. Most programs will be located at the Sunset Recreation Center.

Most recently, Griffin worked as the director of special services for the Seaside School District. During that time, she oversaw special education, 504, talented and gifted and Title IA programs. In addition to the day-to-day oversight required of the role, Griffin looked for ways to listen to families and to update policies so that students from all backgrounds could succeed, especially those from historically marginalized communities.

Previous roles have included assistant coordinator of teaching and learning for the Corvallis School District and special education director for the Brookings-Harbor School District.

Griffin will start her new position on Aug. 30.

Bookmobile in Seaside, Gearhart, Cannon Beach

Pacific Ridge School librarian Maureen Ogilvie kicked off the summer season with the Seaside School District Bookmobile in Cannon Beach. She gave free books to children aged pre-school to high school.

About half the people dropping by her well-marked van were local, and the others were visiting from as far away as Minnesota and California. Ogilvie and the bookmobile will be at the city park in Cannon Beach every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. this summer.

The bookmobile will be in Broadway Park in Seaside Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.; at Cartwright Park on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

The bookmobile will be in Gearhart Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m., at City Hall; and in Warrenton at Cullaby Lake Boat Ramp on Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Masks encouraged at park district facilities

With a surge of COVID-19 cases at least partially attributed to the delta variant of the virus, the leadership team at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District may alter policies regarding masks or other items to keep patrons safe and limit the spread of COVID-19. The district will continue to work with state and local health authorities as they provide guidance.

While masks are not currently required while using facilities, staff and patrons are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as well as to receive the vaccine.

Schools: Will continue sanitization efforts

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It is designed to prioritize "student and staff health and well-being through care, connection and the creation of safe, inclusive and supportive learning environments," according to the state Department of Education.

"My priority is to ensure our kids are able to safely return to full-time in-person learning this fall, five days per week and with minimal disruptions," the governor said. "With many children still ineligible to be vaccinated, masks are an effective way to help keep our kids safe in the classroom, the learning environment we know serves them best."

The guidance in the framework has transitioned, giving local school districts jurisdiction over protocols and procedures related to social distanc-

ing, contact tracing, student check-ins and more.

Even though the Ready Schools, Safe Learners framework has moved from required to recommended, "we still base everything on the research and what's going to be best for the health and safety of our students and our staff and our community," Penrod said.

They are balancing that priority with a desire to maintain a focus on learning, as well as the long-term goal of "keeping everybody in school all year, with minimum disruption," she added.

Shields agreed, adding the leadership team is striving to follow guidelines from the health authority and Department of Education, in addition to listening to the concerns of the community.

During the 2020-21 school year, the district conducted

surveys to get input from parents, guardians and other stakeholders. They've also partnered with the Clatsop County Public Health Department for a community forum about the coronavirus vaccine and for regular meetings involving superintendents and administrators around the county.

"We really value our partnership with Clatsop County health," Penrod said, adding she looks forward to further guidance from them as the resiliency framework receives updates.

Some of the health and safety practices, particularly those related to cleaning and sanitization, were in practice a few years before the COVID-19 pandemic to help mitigate the spread of viruses during cold and flu season.

"We will continue a lot of those kinds of practices," Pen-

rod said.

In terms of vaccinations, the school district's only involvement is to share public health information. They also plan to collaborate with the county to offer vaccine clinics on campus during back-to-school registration and open house events and conferences.

Other considerations are still tentative. Seaside's leadership team was to meet on Tuesday to continue discussing the district's health and safety plan, with the goal of presenting it to the Seaside school board for approval at the Aug. 16 meeting. They also must submit a plan to the state by Aug. 23.

The overarching goal, Penrod said, is to "try to take the wonderful things we've learned from this past year and then also try to bring back some of the things we missed from last year."

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Notice of Public Hearing

Jewell School District New Gymnasium & Locker Room Renovation

Public Improvement Contracting Exemption August 16th, 2021, 6:00 pm, Jewel School Jewell SD library

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